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Title: Top Layers Of Metal For High Performance IC's

LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowability, changes have been made to the drawings and formal drawings are being filed (attached). Two sheets of drawings are being submitted.

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 on July 29, 2003.

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The changes are required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948). In the corrected drawings, Fig. 1a has been approved by the examiner.

The corrected Figures are attached which is now submitted to advance this case to issuance.

It is requested that should there be any problems with the drawings, the Official Draftsman call the undersigned Attorney at (845) 452-5863.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Enclosures** 



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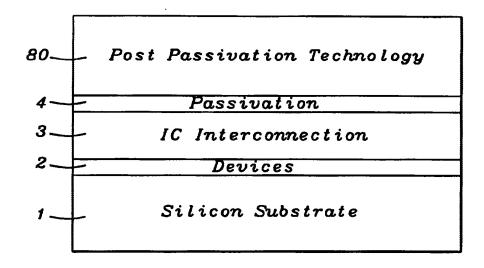


FIG. 1  $\alpha$ 



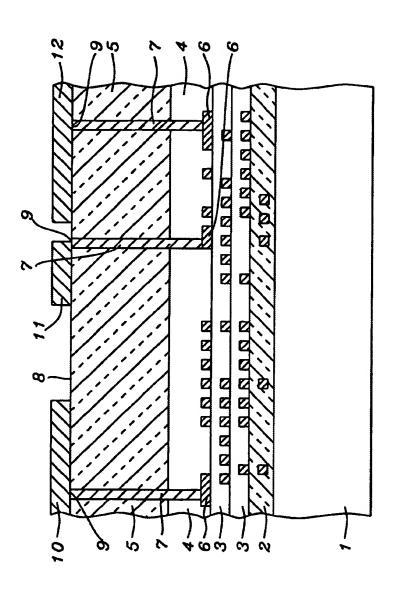


FIG. 1b